

# **Standards Committee**

- To: Mrs Bainton (Independent Member, in the Chair) Councillors Horton (Vice-Chair), I Waudby, Hudson and Taylor (CYC Members) Mr Dixon, Mr Hall and Mr Wilson (Independent Members) Councillors Crawford, Mellors and Forster (Parish Council Members)
- Date: Friday, 18 July 2008
- **Time:** 3.00 pm
- Venue: The Guildhall, York

# <u>AGENDA</u>

#### 1. Declarations of Interest

At this point, members are asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in the business on this agenda.

#### 2. Minutes

(Pages 3 - 6)

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 14 March 2008.

## 3. Public Participation

At this point in the meeting, members of the public who have registered their wish to speak, regarding an item on the agenda or an issue within the remit of the Standards Committee, may do so. The deadline for registering is **5:00 pm on Thursday, 17 July 2008**.

# 4. The Local Assessment of Complaints (Pages 7 - 24) Against Members - The Establishment of Sub-Committees and Processes

This report seeks to put in place the elements necessary for a local system for the assessment of complaints against Members, pursuant to the recently enacted regulations and published guidance, including a structure of sub-committees that will undertake the various decisions required and a Monitoring Officer (MO) protocol, to add clarity to the respective roles of the MO and the Standards Committee.

### 5. Local Government Ombudsman's Annual (Pages 25 -Letter 2007/08 36)

This report draws Members' attention to the contents of the Local Government Ombudsman's Annual Letter for the year 2007/08, which was received by the Chief Executive in June 2008.

6. Work Plan

To consider drawing up a work plan for the Standards Committee for the 2008/09 Municipal Year.

# 7. Any other business which the Chair decides is urgent under the Local Government Act 1972.

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